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CARACAS FOR DEA; MEXICO FOR ARA NARCOTICS COORDINATOR PERRY
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1. MISSION NARCOTICS PROGRAM FOR FYS 75 AND 76 REVIEWED
IN LAINCC INTERAGENCY MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 27. FOLLOWING
PARAGRAPHS SET FORTH OUTCOME THAT MEETING AS REVIEWED
AND APPROVED WITHIN CABINET COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
NARCOTICS CONTROL STRUCTURE BY AMBASSADOR VANCE. THE
REVIEW NOTED THE MARKED IMPROVEMENT OF COLOMBIAN EFFORT
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ON ENFORCEMENT SIDE OVER PAST YEAR AND ENCOURAGING

SIGNALS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SO FAR FROM NEW LOPEZ GOVERNMENT REGARDING NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. THESE POINTS INDEPENDENTLY CORROBORATED BY DEA WASHINGTON.

2. WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL THRUST OF MISSION GOALS AND ARE APPROVING PLANNING LEVEL OF \$503,000 IN FY 75 AND \$733,000 FOR FY 76. WHILE THIS LEVEL INCLUDES FUNDS FOR ONE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT, WE DEFERRING SPECIFIC APPROVAL THIS ITEM PENDING AMBASSADOR VANCE'S DISCUSSIONS IN BOGOTA, IN ORDER REVIEW ARGUMENTS RAISED IN BOGOTA 8755.

3. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY NARCOTICS TEAM VIEW AS SET FORTH IN BOGOTA 8755 ON NEED TO PROVIDE DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT TO NEW GOC. WE WANT TO STRIKE WHILE POLITICAL IRON IS HOT, AND WE WANT THE NEW GOC TO BE CONVINCED THAT THE US IS ABLE TO RESPOND IN A TIMELY FASHION TO THEIR LEGITIMATE REQUESTS IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT MATTERS.

4. WHILE WE ENCOURAGED BY RECENT CHANGES IN AREA OF ENFORCEMENT BY GOC AND ARE APPROVING FUNDS TO FINANCE MISSION PROGRAM TO SUPPORT GOC EFFORTS, SHIFT IN GOC EMPHASIS FROM NATIONAL POLICE TO DAS AS PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY NECESSITATES RAPID REVIEW OF GOC'S OWN PROGRAM PRIORITIES TO DETERMINE HOW WE CAN BE HELPFUL NOT ONLY OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS WITH COMMODITIES REQUESTED BOGOTA 8315, BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT FY75-76 PROGRAM PLANNING PERIOD. PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTING FY 75 AND 76 PROGRAM WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT RELATIONSHIP AMONG DAS, NATIONAL POLICE, AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS AND EFFECTIVENESS NATIONAL POLICE TEAMS. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE A TIME-PHASED GOC NARCOTICS ACTION PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARTICIPATING GOC AGENCIES WHICH SHOWS WHERE OUR INPUTS WILL BE MOST EFFECTIVE AND TIME PERIOD FOR THEIR DELIVERY AND UTILIZATION. REVIEW SHOULD FOCUS ON ACTIONS DAS AND OTHER AGENCIES WILL UNDERTAKE TO DEVELOP THEIR ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY, APPROXIMATE TIMING OF MAJOR STEPS TO ACCOMPLISH PROGRAM GOALS AND RELATE US INPUTS TO COLOMBIAN PLANS.
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5. ONE MECHANISM TO ACCOMPLISH THIS AND INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS BE FORTHCOMING IN SUPPORT GOC ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AND INDICATE PRIORITY ATTENTION WE GIVING COLOMBIA PROGRAM WOULD BE SENDING A TWO-THREE MAN TECHNICAL TEAM TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING ACTION PLAN AND RELATING US ASSISTANCE THERETO. WHILE PURPOSE OF TEAM WOULD BE TO REVIEW OVERALL GOC PLANS INCLUDING

GENERAL MATALLANA'S REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT FOR DAS, IT
COULD PROVIDE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN COMMUNICATION AND
TRANSPORTATION AREAS WHERE PROGRAM SUBMISSION INDICATES
LARGE COMMODITY REQUIREMENTS. SUCH A TEAM RECENTLY
VISITED MEXICO TO REVIEW PROGRAM AND WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL
IN DEVELOPING COMMODITY REQUIREMENTS. THIS TEAM HAD THE
ADDITIONAL IMPACT OF DEMONSTRATING TO GOM OFFICIALS
THE IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH WE VIEW NARCOTICS EFFORT
AND OUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SUPPORT TO PROGRAMS
JOINTLY AGREED UPON. TEAM ALSO HELPED FOCUS WASHINGTON
ATTENTION ON MOBILIZING US RESOURCES ON IMPLEMENTATION

OF PRIORITY PROGRAM. AMBASSADOR VANCE WOULD LIKE TO
DISCUSS THE FEASIBILITY AND ACCEPTABILITY OF SUCH
A TEAM DURING HIS VISIT TO BOGOTA.

6. AMBASSADOR VANCE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE
LOOK FORWARD TO MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF NARCOTICS
PLAN IN MEXICO CITY. KISSINGER

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